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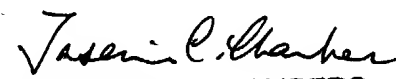
The amendment submitted 18 December 2002 was not entered because it raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Newly submitted claims (claims 40-63) recite, "without a toxic increase in hemoglobin concentration or hematocrit" and "without an increase in hematocrit". The Examiner cannot discern from the specification the difference between "without a toxic increase in hematocrit" and "without an increase in hematocrit". Thus, the claims raise potential new matter and 112, second paragraph rejections.


Furthermore, the previous claims (claims 28-39) were found allowable (see previous Office Communication 02 December 2003). Due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Regina M. DeBerry whose telephone number is (571) 272-0882. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda G. Brumback can be reached on (571) 272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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